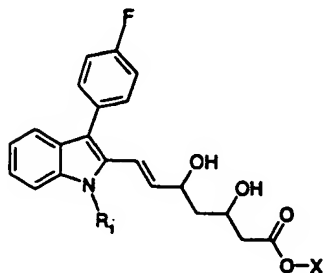


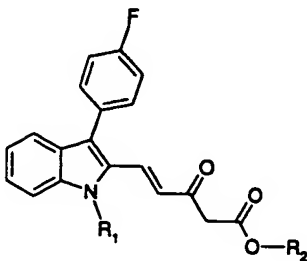
Abstract of the Disclosure

A process for the preparation of compounds of formula



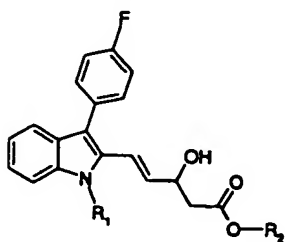
(1),

wherein  $R_1$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl and X is hydrogen, a hydrocarbon radical or a cation,  
wherein a compound of formula



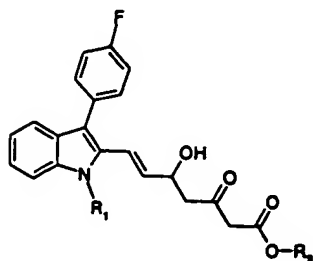
(2),

wherein  $R_1$  is as defined above and  $R_2$  is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical, is reduced, the resulting compound of formula



(3)

is reacted with a compound that introduces the radical of formula  $-CH_2-COOR_3$ , wherein  $R_3$  has the meanings given above for  $R_2$ , and the resulting compound of formula



(4)

is reduced and optionally hydrolysed.